Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 25 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 24 Dec 2020 at 15:58

Confidence: High confidence for a bright start to Christmas Day but a deep low affecting the country on Boxing Day bringing strong winds and rain. Also high confidence for a change to very cold conditions and wintry showers. Lower confidence for location of wintry showers.

Headline for Friday 25 Dec 2020: A dry and bright start to Christmas but clouding over with light rain later. Gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 25 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	20%	20%	50%	50%

Forecast for Friday 25 Dec 2020

Weather: More in the way of cloud after midnight but still clear spells and a moderate frost. It will be a dry and bright start to the day. Some sunny intervals during the morning but increasing cloud through as the day wears on. During the afternoon it will become quite dull with a few outbreaks of sleet, drizzle or light rain showers. Rain becoming a bit more persistent for a time later in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 700m: 70% for much of the day there will only be high level cloud but by mid afternoon some lower cloud may shroud the tops at times, particularly in the west.

Visibility: Mainly very good, perhaps moderate in light rain outbreaks during the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	17/25 NW	15/21 NW	20/29 NW	18/26 W	26/38 W	32/44 SW	35/49 W	35/48 SW	31/44 W
300	7/15 NW	8/14 NW	9/18 NW	9/18 W	12/24 W	12/22 SW	15/29 W	16/29 SW	16/29 W
Valley	6/15 NW	7/14 NW	7/17 NW	8/16 W	10/23 W	10/23 SW	13/29 W	13/28 SW	12/27 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	-0/-7	-0/-6	0/-6	1/-5	2/-5	1/-6	2/-6	3/-4	4/-3
300	1/-3	1/-3	1/-3	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	4/-1	5/0	6/2
Valley	1/-2	2/-2	2/-1	3/-0	4/1	4/1	5/1	6/2	7/3
<< Freezing Level*	300m	400m	400m	700m	800m	900m	1400m	1400m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Freezing level lifting quite quickly during the day so most precipitation in the afternoon will be rain. Northerly winds backing southwesterly and strengthening as milder air pushes in across the area.

Forecast for Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Weather: Mainly dry and cloudy in the morning with a few rain showers but thicker cloud and rain will spread across the Mournes during the afternoon and it will be very windy, possibly storm force on the hill tops. A few sleety showers for the highest tops.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-35mph gusts 50-55mph, gusts around 65mph likely on higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 700m: 20% chance, most of the fell tops will be shrouded by extensive low cloud with a base around 500m especially in the west, in the east cloud bases will be around 700m and there will be a few more gaps.

Visibility: Mainly good but becoming moderate in the afternoon. Perhaps poor in rain later.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 6 Celsius.
At 700m: Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 1000m

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